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Francis Anthony Darmann et al.

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**LETTER OF RELATED APPLICATIONS**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December 12, 2002

Sir:

The Examiner is hereby advised of co-pending U.S. Applications Serial Nos. 09/661,251; 09/661,252 and 09/661,254. The subject matter contained in these co-pending U.S. Applications Serial Nos. 09/661,251; 09/661,252 and 09/661,254 is related to the present application and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

These applications are not to be construed as prior art. By bringing these applications to the attention of the Examiner, Applicants do NOT waive the confidentiality provisions of 35 U.S.C. 122. If these said applications should not mature into patents, these said applications should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 C.F.R. 1.14.

Respectfully submitted,

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